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Applicants: Rui Sousa, et al.
Serial No.: 09/965,346
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For: METHODS FOR USING MUTANT RNA
POLYMERASES WITH REDUCED
DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN NON-CANONICAL
AND CANONICAL NUCLEOSIDE
TRIPHOSPHATES
Group Art Unit: 1634
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified case,
Applicants respectfully request that the following
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On page 1, line 2, please insert: ✓

C1 --Statement Regarding Federally Sponsored Research
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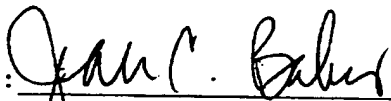
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Respectfully submitted,

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